

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: CONDITIONAL VECTOR ARITHMETIC METHOD
AND CONDITIONAL VECTOR ARITHMETIC UNIT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, second paragraph, replace with the following:

In the subsequent step S404, upon receipt of the result of the
previous step S403, when the comparison result shows noncoincidence
(No), the operation proceeds to step S406 to carry out a process B.
On the other hand, when the decision result in step S404 shows